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DELETION OF SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Deletion of Special Provisions 38, 59, 62 and 65

Transmitted by the Expert from the United States of America

Background

1. Currently in the Recommendations, when a substance is assigned a proper shipping name based on a percentage of hazardous substance it contains, such as "SODA LIME with more than 4% sodium hydroxide", it is assumed that if the substance does not contain an amount equal to or greater than the specified percentage, it does not meet the criteria for the proper shipping name and, if it does not meet any other hazard criteria, it is not regulated. Throughout the Dangerous Goods List many substances are listed in this fashion (e.g. UN 3065, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES). However, in several instances, as noted below, special provisions have also been provided to convey this information. In the opinion of the Expert from the United States, it is unnecessary for a special provision to reiterate information that can be inferred directly from the proper shipping name.

Proposal

2. Delete the following special provisions from Chapter 3.3 and references to them from the Dangerous Goods List:

Special Provision	*UN Nos. Assigned Provision*	*Special Provision Text*
38	1403	This substance is not subject to these Regulations when it contains not more than 0.1% calcium carbide.
59	1869	These substances are not subject to these Regulations when they contain not more than 50% magnesium.
62	1907	This substance is not subject to these Regulations when it contains not more than 4% sodium hydroxide.
65	NONE */	Hydrogen peroxide aqueous solutions with less than 8% hydrogen peroxide are not subject to these Regulations.

*/ This special provision applied to UN 2984 in the ninth revised edition but is not currently shown against this entry in the tenth revised edition.